

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 904

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Chelsea Marie Ferguson on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Marie Ferguson, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned the highest award a Girl Scout can attain, the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award honors girls who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their communities and an outstanding dedication to achievement; and

WHEREAS, to receive the award, Girl Scouts must complete five requirements, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, further, a Girl Scout must build on her experiences in Girl Scouting to complete a Gold Award project, which provides an opportunity for her to put her leadership skills, career, interests, and personal values together to serve her community; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Ferguson's notable record of achievement as a member of Girl Scout Troop #338, Girl Scouts of the Tanasi Council, includes her Gold Award Project of making and donating baby blankets to new mothers who could not afford them; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of John and Leah Ferguson and the sister of Alec and Emily, Chelsea is a sophomore at Webb School of Knoxville, where she has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among her peers; and

WHEREAS, an honor student, Chelsea is a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions and Students Advocating Life without Substance Abuse, as well as a member of the Webb School diving team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ferguson lends her time and talents to her community by volunteering at the summer camp at Webb School and with the Interfaith Hospitality Group; in addition, she renders sterling service as a lifeguard for Blount County Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize Chelsea Ferguson as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Chelsea Marie Ferguson for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her on her achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.